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In re application of :
Sergio Piccioli :
Application No. 09/882,143 :
Filed: June 14, 2001 :
For: METHOD FOR PREDICTIVE :
DETERMINATION OF FINANCIAL :
INVESTMENT PERFORMANCE :

**DECISION ON REQUEST
FOR WITHDRAWAL OF
ATTORNEY**

This is a decision on the request filed on June 24, 2002, under 37 CFR 1.36 and MPEP 402.06, requesting permission to withdraw as the attorney of record in the above-identified application.

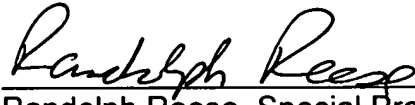
The request is **DISMISSED AS MOOT**.

Under 37 CFR 1.36 an attorney may withdraw only upon application to and approval by the Commissioner. It should be noted that a withdrawal is effective when approved, not when filed. For approval of such a request the following conditions must be met:

- A) Each attorney of record must sign the notice of withdrawal, or the notice must contain a clear indication of one attorney signing on behalf of another, because the Office does not recognize law firms;
- B) There must be at least 30 days between approval of the withdrawal and the later of the expiration date of a time period for reply or the expiration date of the period which can be obtained by a petition and fee for extension of time under 37 CFR 1.136(a);
- C) A proper reason for the withdrawal as enumerated in 37 CFR 10.40(b) or subsection (1)-(6) of 37 CFR 10.40(c) must be provided;
- D) The applicant or patent owner must have been notified of the withdrawal as provided for in 37 CFR 1.36.

The request to withdraw as attorney is dismissed as moot. Your power of attorney in this case has been revoked by the applicant. Such notice was mailed to you on June 25, 2002.

In summary, the request is **DISMISSED AS MOOT.**

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Randolph Reese", is written over a horizontal line.

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